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Lawton, et al. )  
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*Ehrlichia chaffeensis* Antibodies )  
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE

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Dear Sir:

This paper was originally filed in connection with a request for continued examination filed in the above-mentioned case on June 24, 2003. A Final Office Action was mailed on January 24, 2003. An amendment was filed in response to the Final Office Action on March 24, 2003. An Advisory Action was issued on May 6, 2003. The proposed amendments were not entered because the Office alleged the amendments would require further consideration and a new search.

A notice of non-compliance was mailed on July 18, 2003 stating that the claim amendments submitted on June 24, 2003 were not in compliance with new rule 37 CFR 1.121. This paper corrects the claim amendments so that they are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however if a fee, including a fee for an extension of time, is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-2490.

Please enter the claim amendments that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.